

FOR THE FAIR SEX.

Shanty Notes.

The imported gingham suits are the prettiest of all wretched dresses.

Jet passementerie and fringes are most effective on dull-colored goods.

The gay rainbow beads are more used on light silk cloth or cashmere mantles than on black.

Chenille trims with occasional strands of jet beads is very handsome trimming for satin wraps.

Pink, gray, and white cashmere are imported with polka dots embroidered with silk, to be made up with plain silk.

For very young ladies the bonnet-shaped mantles are retained, also those that lay smoothly in front, and fit like a basque behind.

The most dray foulards in Watteau colors are lined throughout with pale blue silk, and the blue does not appear elsewhere in the dress.

The round shouldered capes that do not quite reach the elbows are youthful and gaudy wraps when made entirely of jet beads mounted on net or jet beads.

A snit of heliotrope cashmere has a skinned basque with bunched drapery behind, while the flat front opens over a foulard laid in small plaits the whole length of the skirt.

Iridescent beads are still used, and in many of the new colored bead trimmings purple and lavender tinted beads are introduced. Steel beads are also used, especially in combination with beads.

The plaited lace round capes are imported this season in shapes like large cardinal collars, finished around the neck with high medicea ruffs, or with lace direttore collars that roll high, and are held in place by fine threadlike wires.

Lovely dresses of batiste of the sheerest qualities, are of pale faded tints, either pink, blue, cream or lavender, and are ornamented with artistic embroidery and in crewel work or the newest colors, in vivid contrast to that of the dress.

For simple dress of summer wools—bunting, cashmere, cheviot or camel's hair to be worn in the mornings at home, for shopping, traveling, etc., the suit with position basque, back overskirt, is now published, is one of the newest colors.

A very pretty dress is garnet Surah with flowered foulard plaitings trimming the basque and down the front of the skirt beneath the curtain-shaped drapery overskirt. Point d'esprit lace forms a full jabot on the basque, and edges the neck and wrists.

The newest passementerie look like pink diamonds, and beads are the shapes in large round pieces set in rows; the straight-edged galoons are also much used, and there are many bands of diamond-shaped beads sewed on net; the vine and foliage patterns are rather pale.

A pink batiste in open lace-like patterns has the basque and the drapery of the suit in a pink and white fabric, above which are set clusters of crewel-work as large as a hand's hand, representing bouquets of roses, carnations, bluebells and green foliage. Japanese blues, olive green and dark red colors prevail in the guantines, work which is cut out and appliqued on the dress.

Muslin negligees, sheer, soft and creamy white, are also imported in such large sizes that when doubled in three cornered shape the points fall below the waist, the shoulder ends are well covered and the points are tied in front. Embroidery done on the edges, and each side of the waist trimmings, the last trimming for these "milk" kerchiefs. Young ladies will use these for mid-summer wraps with light foulard and summer silk dresses.

Very light small-figured foulard silkies are among the other fresh and pretty dresses prepared for midsummer. This is a white gown with a pink batiste top, a pink border with a spray of plain blue Surah, which forms the collar and bosom drapery, and is cut into many narrow bias-gathered ruffles for trimming the skirt. These dresses are recommended for their lightness, which they weigh less than grenadines, which require heavier stay linings.

Mr. Giddes introduced a bill providing for the amendment of certain provisions of the Indian appropriation bill, and was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Carlisle, from the committee, voted for the bill.

NEWS NOTES.

Eastern and Middle States.

The National Rifle Association has accepted a bid to stage the Irish Rifle Association's annual rifle match in Ireland to compete in a rifle match with all Irish teams on the latter part of June. American rifle teams have been pitted against Irish teams three times, and have won every match.

Major Frank C. Miller, president of the matches, is chairman of the committee of arrangements. The six riflemen will be selected by competition at Creedmoor.

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A position for the incorporation of the Dominican and United States governments, to regulate, augment trade with Dominican, was referred.

The bill to change the method in allowing indemnity locations or serial for confirmed unclaimed private land claims was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Wallace, from the committee to inquire into alleged frauds in the late election, submitted a report on the prevalence of corruption in the state of Oregon.

Mr. Miller announced that a minority report on the subject would be made.

Mr. Hinchliffe introduced a bill to establish a system of bacteriology.

The House favorably considered the bill to provide a permanent construction fund for the navy, and also to authorize and equip an expedition to the Arctic seas.

Rep. W. H. Smith, who presided at the matches, is chairman of the committee of arrangements.

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